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Gates Are 'Piped Aboard' At News Women's Fete

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It was anchors aweigh last night when the American Newspaper Women's Club put on their most nautical adornment to pipe aboard the new Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Thomas Gates as their party honor guests.

Not only seafaring men and women, but even the least seasavvy guest caught the Navy spirit from the minute they came up the gangplank installed at the club entrance, complete with rope mainstays to help even the most timid up the slope.

An added touch, greeting only those VIP's, rating the extra salute, was the piercing sing-song ring of an official Navy whistle sounded by Chief Warrant Officer Harold L. Anderson, who was stationed outside the entrance to pipe officials aboard.

Once on deck, guests were steered into the club's main lounge, where they were received by Mrs. Bernice McGrath, party chairman; Mrs. Violet Faulkner, club president; Secretary and Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. Donald Quarles, wife of the former Air Force Secretary.

Welcome in Flags

Lining the walls at ceiling height were naval signal flags which spelled out in code (for those who were hep) "Welcome Navy" behind the receiving line.

Other nautical touches were a giant-size wooden helm, a gilded miniature of the Iwo Jima statue on the piano and a scale model of the USS Forrestal, all decorating the room at strategic spots.

There were service guests galore for the seafaring party, among them Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. W. B. Franke, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air and Mrs. Garrison Norton, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Fred Banz, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Admiral

H. D. Felt and Mrs. Felt, Vice Air Chief of Staff Air Force Gen. White and Mrs. White.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Twining was there with Mrs. Twining and, like most of the men, he headed for a delicious offering in the dining room—the smoked-oyster bar.

Quipped Gen. Twining of the new Navy Secretary, "He's a great boy—even the Air Force likes him."

It was a cordial gathering for all, including guest Brian Hendersholt who felt right at home in the Navy sphere since he's an official member of the Texas Navy.

Texan to Texan

Mr. Hendersholt shared a colloquy or two with Rear Admiral and Mrs. John Quinn and this was only natural since it developed the admiral also is a Texan, transplanted here as Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.

Secretary Quarles arrived later in the evening to join his wife, as did Budget Director Percival Brundage, who whisked Mrs. Brundage off to a dinner at the Sulgrave Club.

Wishing them bon voyage at the door were Representative and Mrs. George Mahon of Texas. Mr. Mahon, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures, exchanged warm greetings with Mr. Brundage as friends introduced them with appropriate quips.

"Well," drawled Mr. Mahon, "he's one of the finest men and well respected — we have our little fusses of course."

Lt. Gen. Charles Cabell of Central Intelligence was present, joining Mrs. Cabell who was in charge of pointers for

the event. Among the latter were Mrs. Robert LeBaron, Mrs. Arthur Radford, Mrs. Brundage, Mrs. Arthur Sumnerfield, Mrs. Myron Cowen, Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim, Mrs. Wilber Brucker and Mrs. Irene Caldwell.

Also taking a turn at the

tea and coffee urn was Mrs. Charles Wilson, wife of the Defense Secretary, who was looking in the best of health as she entertained friends, recounting her husband's recent experience of helping round up cattle in the West, substituting a jeep for horseback. Could be Mrs. Wilson's radiance stems from knowledge of the Secretary's soon-to-be announced departure from the Capital scene.

Mrs. Kay Hoff was chairman of the buffet and while she hit the jackpot among male guests by providing smoked oysters, there were many more delicacies, which the club members personally prepared for their buffet, rating just as high.

Sampling the cheese mounds, corned beef, pineapple and rum dip with fruit and other delicacies were the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Vice Admiral and Mrs. W. V. Davis.

Also, the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Rear Admiral F. S. Withington and Mrs. Withington; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Vice Admiral R. E. Libby and Mrs. Libby, Marine Band Director Capt. Schoepper and Mrs. Schoepper, and from Capitol Hill, Senator and Mrs. Carl Curtis of Nebraska and Representative Harry Sheppard of California, and many, many more.

Air Force Celebration

Just around the corner at the Indonesian Embassy on Massachusetts avenue, another segment of the military, this time the diplomatic Air Force corps, was celebrating the 11th birthday anniversary of Indonesian's air force.

Hosts for the 7-to-9 p.m. reception were the Indonesian Air Attache and Madame Soedjono, who received the many guests with the Indonesian Ambassador and Madame Notowidigdo.

Here the red and white colors of the Indonesian Republic were used in floral decorations and the buffet centerpiece, where guests were served a variety of foods, all in the American tradition. All pork products were ruled out as it is a fasting period for the Moslem group.

Among those invited, in addition to all the many embassy air attaches and their wives, were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dulles, United States Assistant Air Force Secretary and Mrs. David Smith, and a host of State Department representatives connected with the Indonesian area.